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Applicant : Mechaley et al

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Title : A METHOD FOR INCREASING SYSTEM RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO A USER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed March 29, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

B1 sub C1
1. (Twice Amended) A data processor implemented method for brokering upgraded resources for enabling greater functionality for a product function comprising the steps of collecting data describing user interaction with said product function, analyzing automatically said data to determine whether at least one data pattern has been identified, and communicating to a user of said product function an availability of said greater functionality when said at least one data pattern has been identified.

B2 sub C2
6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of analyzing automatically comprises the step of determining whether any threshold has been exceeded by said collected data.

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